

# HOUSE BILL 512

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By: **Delegate Beitzel**

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2012

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – Garrett County Sanitary District – Imposition of Late Fees**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the sanitary district in Garrett County to charge a  
4 late fee for certain unpaid usage charges; authorizing the County  
5 Commissioners of Garrett County to require the payment of certain late fees  
6 before reconnecting certain water service; providing that a charge that is in  
7 default will accrue interest from a certain date and at a certain rate; and  
8 generally relating to water and sewer service charges in Garrett County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article – Environment  
11 Section 9–601(a), (d), (j), and (k) and 9–629(b)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

14 BY adding to  
15 Article – Environment  
16 Section 9–662(o)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article – Environment**

22 9–601.

23 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

24 (d) (1) “District” means an entity that is created under this subtitle.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (2)    “District” includes a board, body, or commission that assumes the  
2 principal functions of a district that is created under this subtitle and later abolished.

3           (j)    “Project” means a water system, sewerage system, solid waste disposal  
4 system, or solid waste acceptance facility or any part of these that a district owns,  
5 constructs, or operates.

6           (k)    “Sanitary commission” means a sanitary commission created under this  
7 subtitle.

8    9–629.

9           (b)    The County Commissioners of Garrett County shall govern the district in  
10 Garrett County.

11   9–662.

12           **(O)    IN GARRETT COUNTY, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS**  
13 **OF LAW:**

14                   **(1)    THE DISTRICT MAY CHARGE AN OWNER OF A PARCEL**  
15 **SERVICED BY OR CONNECTED TO A PROJECT THAT THE DISTRICT OPERATES A**  
16 **LATE FEE FOR ANY UNPAID USAGE CHARGE THAT IS BASED ON THE USE OF THE**  
17 **PROJECT BY THE OWNER OF THE PARCEL;**

18                   **(2)    THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GARRETT COUNTY MAY**  
19 **REQUIRE, BEFORE RECONNECTING WATER SERVICE, PAYMENT OF ANY**  
20 **APPLICABLE LATE FEES IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER CHARGE AUTHORIZED BY**  
21 **THIS SECTION; AND**

22                   **(3)    A CHARGE THAT IS IN DEFAULT SHALL ACCRUE INTEREST**  
23 **FROM THE DATE OF DEFAULT AT A RATE SET BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.**

24           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
25 October 1, 2012.